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SUBJECT: NIMETZ-GLIGA MEETING, MARCH 16

1. SUMMARY. CONVERSATION DURING COUNSELOR'S MARCH 16 MEETING WITH ROMANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA CENTERED ON PREPARATIONS FOR CEAUSDESCU VISIT. GLIGA SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK USG COOPERATION TO ENSURE THAT ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN GROUPS DO NOT CREATE SECURITY PROBLEMS OR MAR ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT. GLIGA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR NICOLAE AND ROMEMB COUNSELORS FLOREA AND RACEANU. US PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED LUERS, HAYS (S/CPR), ANDREWS AND SILINS.

2. IN REFERENCE TO LUNCHEON FOR CEAUSDESCU HOSTED BY HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE NOW ON TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, NIMETZ SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM PROTOCOL STANDPOINT IF CEAUSDESCU COULD ALSO MEET WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE HILL.
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COFFEE AT 3 P.M. FOLLOWING THE LUNCH WAS SUGGESTED (TO WHICH SFRC STAFF HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE). NICOLAE SAID EMBASSY WAS RECOMMENDING BREAKFAST MEETING WITH SENATORS (INCLUDING SPARKMAN, JAVITS, JACKSON, STEVENSON, RIBICOFF AND WILLIAMS) BECAUSE MORE INTIMATE SETTING WAS FELT TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE. IN ADDITION, NICOLAE SAID, EMBASSY IS

CONSIDERING INVITATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO MEET WITH CEAUSESCU AT BLAIR HOUSE ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12. GLIGA SAID GOR WILL LOOK TO US FOR SUGGESTIONS TO AVOID UNINTENTIONALLY OFFENDING CONGRESS. QUESTION OF CEAUSESCU'S MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT.

3. NIMETZ SUGGESTED THAT FLORIDA STOPOVER, NOW SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, APRIL 16 WITH DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK MONDAY MORNING, SEEMED TO INVOLVE A GREAT DEAL OF TRAVEL FOR SUCH A SHORT STOP. IF NEVERTHELESS FLORIDA WERE TO BE VISITED, NIMETZ AND HAYS RECOMMENDED A VISIT TO DISNEY WORLD IN ORLANDO. NICOLAE SAID THAT WAS ALSO THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION BUT NOTED THAT CEAUSESCU HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON A FLORIDA STOP, HAD SIMPLY ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS.

4. GLIGA ASKED WHETHER MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS WOULD BE TETE-A-TETE OR LARGER GROUP. HE WAS TOLD THAT NORMAL PRACTICE IS FOR TWO PRESIDENTS TO PROCEED TO OVAL OFFICE FOR PICTURE SESSION. THEY GENERALLY REMAIN THERE ALONE (WITH INTERPRETER) FOR BRIEF PRIVATE TALK BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CABINET ROOM. IN THE PAST, LARGER MEETING HAS INCLUDED 7-9 U.S. PARTICIPANTS. IN THIS CASE, THEY MIGHT BE PRESIDENT, VANCE, BRZEZINSKI, AMBASSADOR AGGREY, PERHAPS COUNSELOR NIMETZ, VEST, NSC NOTETAKER, PERHAPS A CABINET CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBER. ON SECOND DAY, THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO SOMETIMES PROCEED FIRST TO OVAL OFFICE, BUT THIS IS USUALLY FOR PICTURE-TAKING RATHER THAN PRIVATE TALK.

5. NIMETZ ASKED FOR AGENDA CEAUSESCU WOULD WISH TO TAKE UP WITH THE PRESIDENT, SUGGESTING THAT THERE WERE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS COULD BE STRUCTURED TO COVER GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES. AMONG ISSUES PRESIDENT CARTER COULD BE EXPECTED TO RAISE WERE THE MIDDLE EAST, CSCE AND WAYS OF STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS. GLIGA SAID THE GOR WOULD RESPOND IN MORE DETAIL LATER ON CEAUSESCU'S AGENDA, BUT HE EXPECTED CEAUSESCU WOULD GIVE EMPHASIS TO ECONOMIC COMPONENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE MEANS BY WHICH THEY CAN BE DEVELOPED. BY THESE HE MEANT LONG-TERM MFN ("A JURIDICAL LONG-TERM BASIS FOR TRADE"), CREDITS "AT A SUITABLE INTEREST RATE", AND INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

6. GLIGA SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW THE MAKEUP OF THE GOR DELEGATION, BUT HE HOPED FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU, WHO IS EXPECTED BACK AT WORK APRIL 1, WILL BE ABLE TO COME. IN RESPONSE TO THE COUNSELOR'S SUGGESTION THAT A VANCE-

MACOVESCU MEETING WOULD BE A USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRESIDENTIAL TALKS, GLIGA SAID HE THOUGHT THAT COULD BE ARRANGED.

7. GLIGA SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS GOR CONCERN AT THE ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN GROUPS DURING CEAUSESCU'S VISIT, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DANGER FROM THE SECURITY POINT OF VIEW. NICOLAE ADDED THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS ARE OFTEN PRESENTED UNDER THE HEADING OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT WAS NOT THE CASE AT ALL; BASICALLY THE QUESTION WAS ONE OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, AND HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT MORE INFORMATION ON THIS AT THE NEXT MEETING.
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8. NIMETZ SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY AND SECURITY OFFICIALS TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. THE U.S. CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, AND GROUPS CAN GATHER PEACEFULLY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, ALTHOUGH THE REQUIREMENT FOR PERMITS DOES PERMIT A MEASURE OF CONTROL. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING TITO'S VISIT WITH NO SECURITY PROBLEMS OR EMBARRASSMENT. NIMETZ SAID WE CONSIDER THE BORDERS OF EUROPE AS A SETTLED MATTER. FOR US, THIS WAS NOT AT ALL THE QUESTION. HE ADDED THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS MIGHT TOUCH ON CSCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE IN AN ANTAGONISTIC MANNER.

9. GLIGA ADDED THAT THE GOR WOULD LIKE BOTH A SIGNED JOINT DECLARATION AND A SHORT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED DURING THE VISIT. DISCUSSION WAS LEFT TO THE NEXT MEETING. VANCE

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